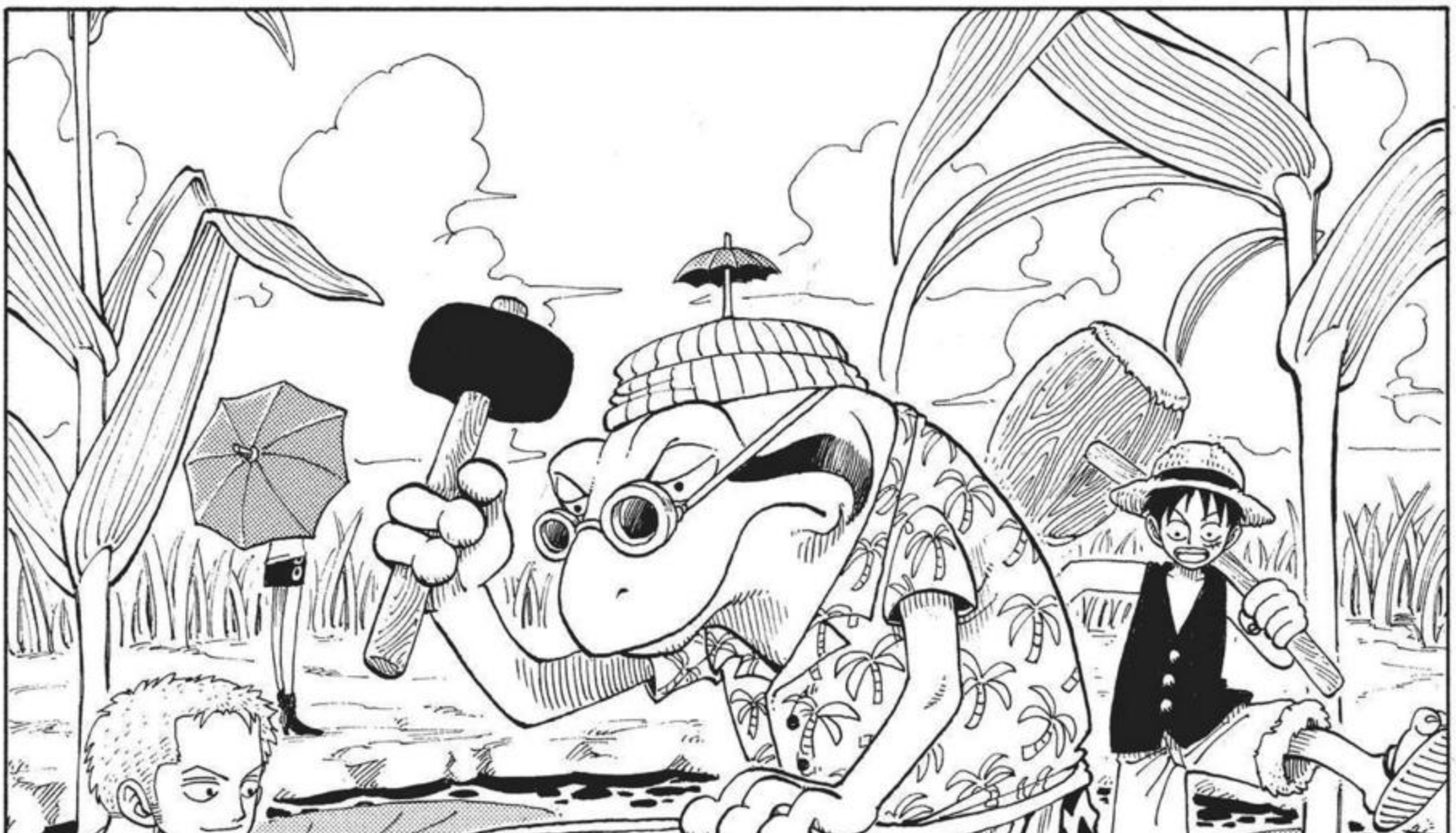
Chapter 23:
THE DREAD CAPTAIN USOPP



READ THIS WAY

DO-OM

WE'RE BEING RASH...

I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT *FOOD!*

...BUT WE NEED MEAT TO KEEP OUR STRENGTH UP!

YOU'RE RIGHT! THAT SHRUB MAN GAVE US A LOT OF FRUIT...

WHY?

WE CAN'T SAIL THE *GRAND LINE* LIKE THIS!

AND DON'T FORGET, THE MOST SUCCESSFUL PIRATES ALIVE ARE AFTER THE ***ONE PIECE***, TOO!

WE'RE HEADED FOR THE ***GRAND LINE***-- THE MOST DANGEROUS SEA LANE IN THE WORLD!

AND THEIR SHIPS ARE BIG AND STURDY...

I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT BOOZE EITHER!

SHE'S RIGHT - WE DON'T HAVE A DROP OF GROG ABOARD.

IF WE GO ON LIKE THIS, WE'LL NEVER SURVIVE THIS FOOLHARDY VENTURE.

OURS ARE LITTLE TUBS, AND WE DON'T EVEN HAVE A CREW...

OUR FIRST PRIORITY IS TO ACQUIRE A PROPER VESSEL.

AND EAT MEAT!!

THERE'S A VILLAGE A LITTLE SOUTH OF HERE...

WE'RE GOING TO PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE!

SO WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

READ THIS WAY

THE SUN SHINES BRIGHT AND CHEERFUL ON THE SEA!

SKREE

PLOOSH

SKREE

AHH! A NEW DAY!

TWEET

TWEET

USOPP
VILLAGE YOUTH

THE PIRATES ARE COMING!!

WE'RE DOOMED!

HORRORS!

TMP TMP TMP

RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!!

WAAAAAHH!

THEY'RE ATTACKING THE VILLAGE!!

THE PIRATES ARE COMING!!!

PWAP

HE'S AT IT AGAIN...

WELL, THAT'S USOPP'S MORNING COMMOTION. I'D BEST BE OFF TO WORK...

PIRATES!!

WHAT PIRATES!?

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!!

DA DUM

JUST KIDDING!!!

TODAY I'M GONNA TEACH YOU A LESSON!

YOU LYING BRAT!

KLANK!

UNGH!

KLAK KLAK KLAK

HERE THEY COME!!

OOH!

READ THIS WAY

WA HA HA HA! CATCH ME IF YOU CAN!!!

TMPTMPTMP

COME BACK HERE, LIAR!!!

THAT YAHOO'S ALWAYS CAUSING TROUBLE!

I'LL TEACH HIM!

DARN! HE GOT AWAY AGAIN!

I FOOLED ALL THE VILLAGERS AGAIN!

HEE HEE HEE HEE HEE!

WHERE'D HE GO?

KRESH...

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THERE HE IS!!

HUH?

JUST A LITTLE JOLT OF EXCITE-MENT TO ENLIVEN THIS BORING LITTLE VILLAGE!!

KRESH

HAH! I DID IT AGAIN TODAY!

IT'S **YOU** GUYS!

HEY!

TA

DA!

YOUR PIRATE CREW REPORTING FOR DUTY!

GOOD MORNING, SIR!

AYE, CAPTAIN USOPP!

CARROT
VILLAGE BOY

PEPPER
VILLAGE BOY

READ THIS WAY

YEAH, PROBABLY...

RIGHT?

STILL SLEEPING, I GUESS.

WHERE'S ONION?

PEPPER! CARROT! JUST THE TWO OF YOU?

WHAT'S HE GOING ON ABOUT?

HEY, IT'S ONION!

TMPTMPTMPTMP

HORRORS!!

WAAAAHHH!

THAT BOY...

!?

THE PIRATES ARE COMING!!!

TMPTMPTMPTMP

WE'RE DOOMED!!!!

ONION
VILLAGE BOY

IT'S TRUE!!

LIAR!

A SHIP FLYING THE SKULL AND CROSS-BONES IS COMING FROM THE NORTH!!

IT'S TRUE! I SAW 'EM WITH MY OWN EYES!!

IT'S TRUE! WE'RE IN DANGER!!

YOU'RE NOT LYING?

FWOOM

ITS SAIL HAS THE SIGN OF BUGGY THE CLOWN!!

LIAR!

I HAVE A MEDICAL CONDITION--IF I DON'T EAT MY SNACK ON TIME, I'LL CROAK...

PHEW

DON'T RUN AWAY!!

IT'S TIME FOR MY SNACK!!

FWOOM

READ THIS WAY

NO, JUST TWO LITTLE ONES.

THEN IT'S NOT A BIG SHIP?

ONLY THREE?

YEAH! AND THERE'S ONLY THREE OF 'EM!

A REAL PIRATE WOULDN'T BE SCARED OF OTHER PIRATES!

CAPTAIN, DON'T YOU WANT TO BECOME A REAL PIRATE!?

WE'LL DEFEND OUR VILLAGE!!

DO

ALL RIGHT! USOPP'S PIRATE CREW, PREPARE FOR ACTION!

OKAY!!

UH...

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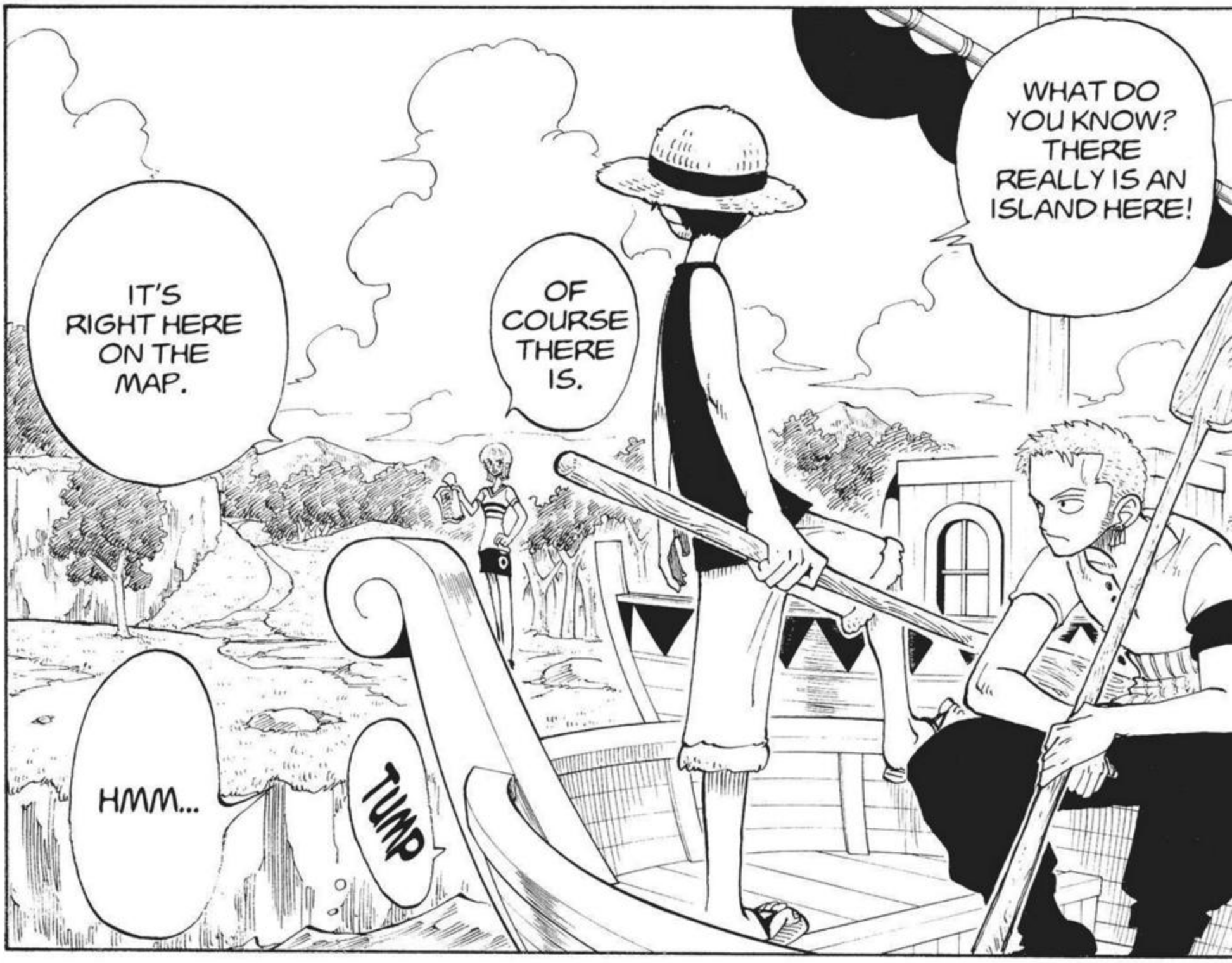
OKAY, LET'S GO! FOLLOW ME!!

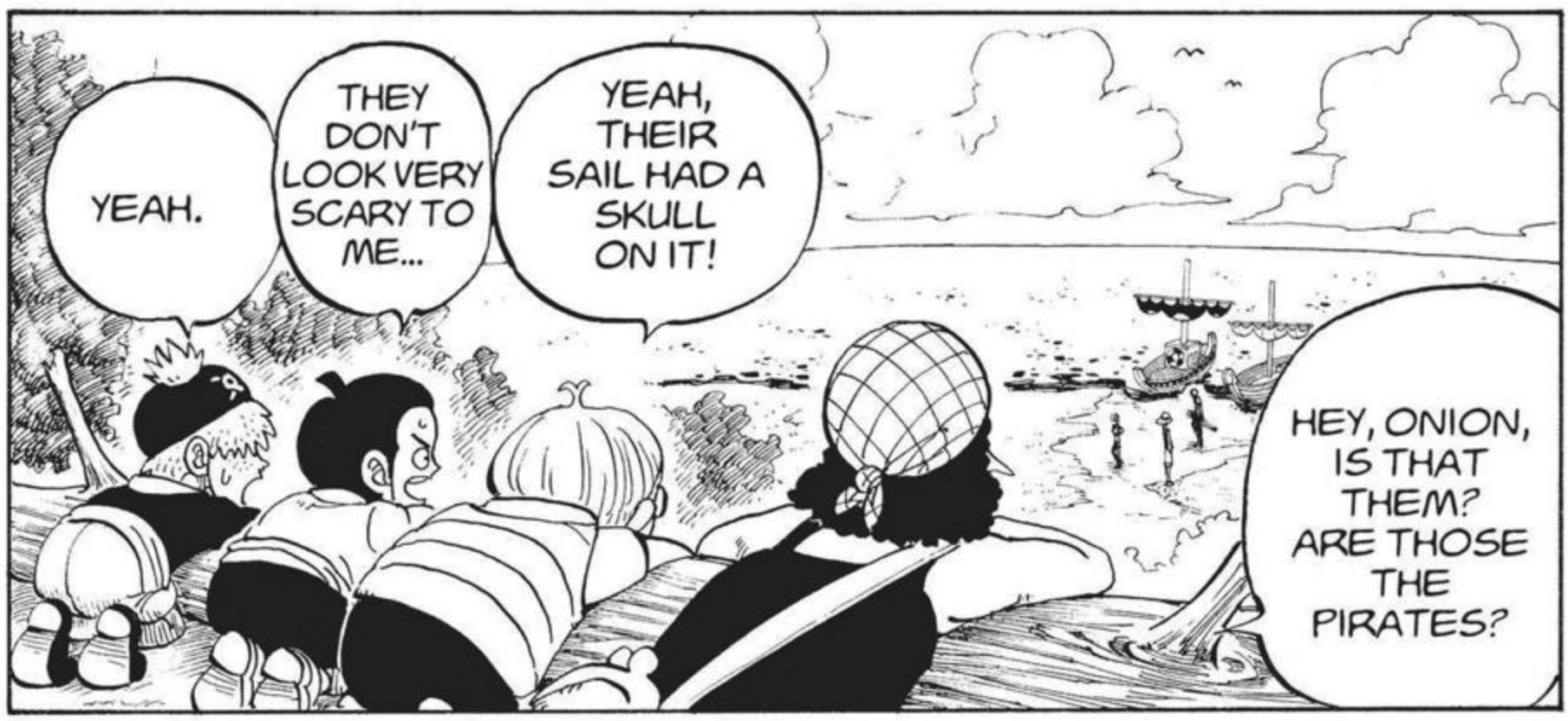
YAAAR!

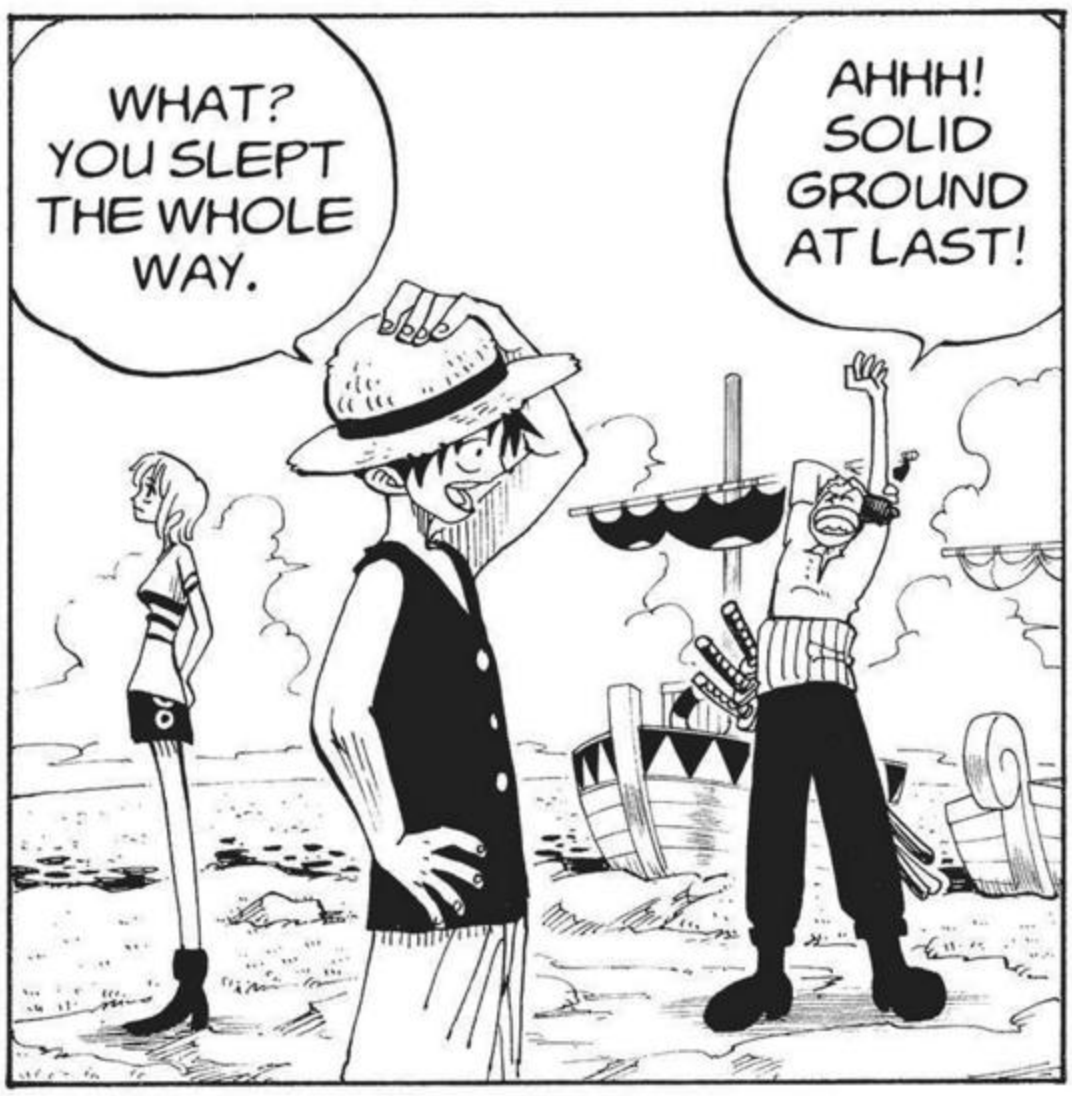

WHAT DO YOU KNOW? THERE REALLY IS AN ISLAND HERE!
OF COURSE THERE IS.
IT'S RIGHT HERE ON THE MAP.
HMM...
TUMP

YEAH, BUT IT LOOKS PRETTY SMALL.

AND THERE'S A VILLAGE HERE?

READ THIS WAY





WOMP!

AAAGH! THEY SEE US!!!

HEY, YOU GUYS!

TMP TMP TMP TMP

DON'T RUN AWAY!!

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DO-OM!!

FEARED PIRATE, AND RULER OF THIS VILLAGE!!!

I AM THE NOTORIOUS CAPTAIN USOPP!!!

I HAVE 80 MILLION MEN POISED TO STOP YOU.

DA-DUM

SO YOU'D BETTER THINK TWICE BEFORE YOU INVADE!

DARN! I ADMITTED THAT I LIED!

WOMP

SEE? I KNEW IT!

SHE'S A MASTER OF INTERRO-GATION!

DARN! SHE SAW THROUGH ME!

WOMP

LIAR!

WHICH IS WHY THEY CALL ME "PROUD CAPTAIN USOPP"!

I'M A PROUD MAN!

HEY! ARE YOU LAUGHING AT ME!?

HA HA HA HA HA!! YOU'RE FUNNY!!

HA HA HA HA HA

REALLY? YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A CREW?

BLAB

THE VILLAGE RESTAURANT

MESHI

BLAB

BLAB BLAB

WOW! WHAT A GREAT ADVENTURE!

BLAB

THAT'S RIGHT!

CREWMEN AND A BIGGER SHIP?

BLAB

THAT'S WHERE!

THAT HUGE MANSION THAT STANDS OUT LIKE A SORE THUMB!

WHERE?

BUT THERE *IS* A PLACE YOU CAN GO.

WELL, YOU WON'T FIND ANY GALLEONS HERE IN TOWN...

READ THIS WAY

IS A YOUNG GIRL...

AND SHE'S BEDRIDDEN.

THE OWNER OF THE MANSION...

ARE YOU GUYS LISTENING TO MY STORY?

AND MORE GROG!!

MORE MEAT, PLEASE!

HOW DID SHE BECOME THE OWNER OF A MANSION?

HMM...

THEY LEFT HER WITH A HUGE INHERITANCE, A MANSION, AND A DOZEN SERVANTS.

BOTH THE POOR GIRL'S PARENTS GOT SICK AND DIED.

ABOUT A YEAR AGO...

...

BUT NOBODY'S MORE UNFORTUNATE THAN HER.

SHE'S RICH AND LIVES IN LUXURY...

LET'S GO FIND ANOTHER TOWN.

WE'RE NOT GONNA FIND A SHIP HERE.

!?

FORGET IT!

WAP

THAT'S RIGHT.

YOU SAID YOU WERE LOOKING FOR CREWMEN...

BY THE WAY...

AND I GOT A BELLYFUL OF MEAT!

OKAY. I GUESS WE CAN SPARE THE TIME...

LET'S GRAB SOME SUPPLIES AND GO!

READ THIS WAY

DON'T YOU WANT TO THINK IT OVER!?

NO THANKS!

WOMP

I'LL BE YOUR CAPTAIN!

I'M YOUR MAN!

WUFF

WUFF

KLAHADORE ...?

I WANT TO SEE...

I WANT TO SEE USOPP...

YES, MISTRESS KAYA?

CABAJI THE ACROBAT

ZOLO THE SWORDS-MAN

HACHI THE MESSENGER

MOHJI THE ANIMAL TRAINER